

NOTICE TO BIDDERS/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Lafayette, Indiana has received a grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). The grant originated with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) for a new national program called the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The funds are considered as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, following an expanded version of their rules, regulations and policies. The grant awarded to the City was for \$7,774,200. The grant will be administered by the City's Redevelopment and Community Development Department.

The geographic area covered by the grant is Greenbush Street to the north; Union Street to the south; Creasy Lane to the east and US 52/Sagamore Parkway to the west, more commonly known as the Glen Acres neighborhood. As part of the grant, the City will be acquiring approximately 14 single family residences which are either vacant/abandoned or foreclosed. Approximately eight (8) of the property will be re-habilitated and re-sold to buyers at or below 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit qualifications from general contractors to create an official "Bidder's List". The Bidder's List, as may be updated from time to time, will be used to solicit sealed bids for rehabilitation of affected properties.

The City is seeking contract to work in the following specific area of the project:

Rehabilitation of approximately eight (8) vacant foreclosed single family homes

All work must conform to the applicable materials and workmanship standards of the City of Lafayette and the State of Indiana. Projects will require compliance with all federal, state and city requirements. Technical bid specifications, including a complete description of materials, products and services shall be developed and provided at the time bids are solicited for each specific rehabilitation project.

Contractors interested in being placed on the Bidder's List should submit a "Letter of Intent to Bid" the form of which can be obtained by contacting Tim Kraft, Planner/Project Manager NSP Project, (765) 807-1090. Information to be provided in the Letter of Intent to Bid includes a listing of all residential rehabilitation projects exceeding \$25,000 completed in the last 12 months, a current financial statement, a list of all subcontractors regularly used or expected to be used, a description of all certifications or licenses held.

The sealed Letter of Intent to Bid and required accompanying information is to be submitted to:

Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, 2nd Floor
20 North Sixth Street
Lafayette, IN 47901
Phone: (765) 807-1000

The Letter of Intent to Bid and accompanying information will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2010 at which time sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposals received later than the above time will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Criteria for selection of those contractors to be placed on the Bidder's List will include responsiveness to this Request for Qualifications, the ability, capacity and skill of the contractor to perform the work; the capacity of the contractor to perform the contract promptly and efficiently; the character, integrity and reputation of the contractor; the previous and existing compliance of the contractor with laws and ordinances related to work to be performed; the financial ability of the contractor to perform the contract and any additional factors the City determines relevant. Registered Women Business Enterprises and Minority Business Enterprises and Tippecanoe County businesses will be given special consideration for responsiveness. The Bidder's List will be reevaluated every six (6) months via public announcement for inclusion of additional qualified contractors.

Inclusion on the Bidder's List does not obligate the contractor to submit bids for any specific rehabilitation project. The City of Lafayette reserves the right to reject any and all bids from those submitted by approved bidders.

The City of Lafayette is an equal opportunity employer in regards to race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, religious affiliation, age or sexual orientation. Local service providers and registered Minority and/or Women Owned Businesses are strongly encouraged to submit.

As specific properties are ready for rehabilitation activities to commence, contractors on the approved Bidder's List will be notified by mail and advised of the opportunity to submit sealed bids.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the following:

Tim Kraft, Planner/Project Manager NSP Project
Lafayette Department of Redevelopment
20 North Sixth Street
Lafayette, IN 47901
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